

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
**Chapter 1071: CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT**

**§4050. PURPOSE**

Recognizing that instability and impermanency are contrary to the welfare of children, it is the intent of the Legislature that this subchapter:

**1. Termination of parental rights.** Allow for the termination of parental rights at the earliest possible time after rehabilitation and reunification efforts have been discontinued and termination is in the best interest of the child;

[ 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW) . ]

**2. Return to family.** Eliminate the need for children to wait unreasonable periods of time for their parents to correct the conditions which prevent their return to the family;

[ 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW) . ]

**3. Adoption.** Promote the adoption of children into stable families rather than allowing children to remain in the impermanency of foster care; and

[ 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW) . ]

**4. Protect interests of child.** Be liberally construed to serve and protect the best interests of the child.

[ 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW) . ]

SECTION HISTORY

1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW) .

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